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Hon. J.P. Stadtmueller United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin 517 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202-4500

> Baldus et al. v. Brennan et al. Case No. 11-CV-562

Dear Judge Stadtmueller:

Late yesterday, the State of Wisconsin filed a 16-page reply brief in support of its Motion to Dismiss this redistricting litigation, filed on June 10, 2011 under 28 U.S.C. § 2284. Now that the motion has been fully briefed, we request on behalf of the plaintiffs a hearing on the motion and a scheduling conference at the Court's convenience. If the state's motion were to be granted or were the Court to abstain in favor of a state case that does not exist, the plaintiffs would again file a virtually identical section 2284/civil rights complaint in this Court. *See* Rule 1, Fed. R. Civ. P.

All counsel of record will receive a copy of this letter through the Court's electronic filing system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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